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PETROLEUM YAMANI, RIYADH, MARCH 19, 1975

1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND MINISTER
OF PETROLEUM YAMANI ON SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FROM
RIYADH, MARCH 19, 1975:

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER: (BEGIN QUOTE) FIRST OF ALL I
WOULD LIKE TO THANK HIS MAJESTY AND HIS ADVISORS FOR THE
VERY WARM HOSPITALITY THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO US, AND
FOR THE VERY USEFUL TALKS THAT WE HAVE HAD. I REVIEWED
WITH HIS MAJESTY THE STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH
I AM ENGAGED, AND IN WHICH I AM ACTING AS A GO-BETWEEN,
AND THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE IN THE AREA IN GENERAL. WE
ALSO DISCUSSED WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT CERTAIN OTHER
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ISSUES IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND SAUDI

ARABIA HAVE COMMON INTEREST. IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER YAMANI, THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, AND PRINCE FAHD AS WELL AS WITH HIS MAJESTY, MY ATTENTION WAS CALLED TO RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES SPECULATING ON THE MILITARY INTENTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE AREA. I WOULD LIKE TO STATE CATEGORICALLY HERE THAT OUR RELATION WITH SAUDI ARABIA IS BASED ON FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN WHICH THREATS, MILITARY OR OTHERWISE, PLAY NO PART AND WE BASE OUR RELATIONSHIP ON COOPERATION AND NOT ON CONFRONTATION. (END QUOTE)

2. MINISTER OF PETROLEUM YAMANI: (BEGIN QUOTE) MR. SECRETARY, THIS VISIT IS A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRUITFUL ONE. WE HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SAUDI ARABIA. WE LISTENED CAREFULLY TO YOUR REPORT, AND THAT STRENGTHENED OUR BELIEF IN THE GOOD INTENTION AND THE GOOD WILL OF THE UNITED STATES IN ITS EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO THIS AREA BASED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS BY THE UNITED NATIONS. WE JUST HEARD THE OFFICIAL VIEWS ABOUT THE FANTASIES OF THE NEWSPAPERS, THE ARTICLES WRITTEN BY CERTAIN GROUPS OF WRITERS, AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT IS NOW IN PUBLIC. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK. THANK YOU. (END QUOTE)
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